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1. EMBOFFS CONLIN, KINSOLVING, ASCHER AND MCCAMMAN MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FCO, HOME OFFICE AND THE METROPOLITAN POLICE AND DISCUSSED THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE UPCOMING CONFERENCE.

2. THE BRITISH WERE QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF ACCESS CONTROLS AT THE CHURCHILL HOTEL AND THE METROPOLITAN POLICE HAS BEEN TASKED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTROLLING ACCESS TO THE HOTEL INCLUDING THE FLOORS WHERE THE THREE DELEGATIONS WILL BE LOCATED. TO EFFECT THESE CONTROLS ALL DELEGATES AND EMBASSY STAFF WILL BE ISSUED PASSES, WHICH WILL BE COLOR CODED TO INDICATE THEIR DELEGATION; A SPECIAL BRANCH LIAISON OFFICER WILL BE PHYSICALLY LOCATED ON EACH FLOOR ADJACENT TO THE DELEGATION OFFICES; AND SUPT RAY WILSON AND RAY

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TECKER HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE BRITISH SECURITY CONTROLLERS AT THE CONFERENCE SITE. SPECIAL BRANCH WILL MAINTAIN A 24-HOUR OPERATIONS CENTER AT SCOTLAND YARD FROM 0700 MONDAY, JULY 17, UNTIL THE CONFERENCE CONCLUDES.

3. THE POLICE ADVISED THAT THEY DO NOT PLAN TO FORMALLY

ACCREDIT JOURNALISTS OR TO ISSUE ANY PRESS BADGES.
BRITISH STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL PRESS BRIEFINGS AND
PRESS ROOMS BE LOCATED AT EMBASSIES.

4. BRITISH WERE ADVISED THAT RSO HICKEY WOULD BE THE OVERALL SECURITY CONTROLLER FOR THE CONFERENCE.
5. THE CHURCHILL HOTEL SECURITY STAFF WILL SCREEN THE BAGGAGE OF ALL HOTEL GUESTS DURING THE CONFERENCE PER DIRECTION OF SPECIAL BRANCH.
6. RSO MCCAMMAN REVIEWED THE ROOMS OF THE US DELEGATION WHICH WILL BE USED FOR CLASSIFIED STORAGE AND ASCERTAINED THAT TWO 24-HOUR MSG POSTS WILL BE REQUIRED.
RSO AND NCOIC WILL TRANSPORT CLASSIFIED MATERIAL TO AND FROM AIRPORT AND TO HOTEL BY MEANS OF EMBASSY VAN AND FOLLOW CAR.

7. RSO HICKEY MET WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF METROPOLITAN POLICE ON 7/11 AND 7/12 CONCERNING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE. SPECIAL BRANCH PLANS TO DEPLOY LARGE CONTINGENT OF THEIR OFFICERS TO THE CONFERENCE SITE, TO EFFECT INNER PERIMETER CONTROL TO ALL AREAS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE DETAILS TO THE PARTICIPATING FOREIGN MINISTERS AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

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8. SPECIAL BRANCH WILL ALSO COORDINATE THE DEPLOYMENT OF EOD TEAMS AND BOMB DOGS THROUGHOUT THE HOTEL.
9. UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE ARE SCHEDULED TO EFFECT OUTER PERIMETER SECURITY AND TRAFFIC CONTROL AT THE HOTEL/CONF SITEWMQ DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH SE IOR POLICE OFFICIALS IT WAS INDICATED THAT THE UNIFORMED PRESENCE WILL BE LARGE IN NUMBER.
10. ADDITIONAL UNIFORM MEMBERS OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE WILL BE HELD IN SELECTIVE STAGING AREAS TO RESPOND TO ANY POSSIBLE OUTBREAK OF DEMONSTRATIONS OR PUBLIC DISORDER.
11. IT IS THE VIEW OF SPECIAL BRANCH THAT NO ADDITIONAL PERSONAL PROTECTION IS REQUIRED FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS OTHER THAN THE SECSTATE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTERS.
12. IT WAS FURTHER OUTLINED THAT THE MANPOWER COMMITMENT BY SPECIAL BRANCH TO THIS EVENT IS EXTENSIVE

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